

### **EXAMINER'S COMMENT**

The Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed 11-23-09 has been considered except the reference lined through 2008/0233024 with a date of 9-1-08 to Honjo et al. as the inventor and publication date do not match the instant document and 2008/0233024 has already been cited in the instant IDS correctly.

### **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:None of the prior art of record teach nor suggest the claimed feature of the scrubber interface device including a insulated insert portion. The closest prior art is to Redden et al (7316721) which does not qualify as prior art having a priority date of 2-9-04 which is after the instant priority date of 2-3-04. Redden et al does teach an insulating portion(see Fig. 2, 20 in Fig. 1) in the inlet manifold but not in the scrubber interface device. Thus the instant invention is both novel and unobvious over the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duane Smith whose telephone number is (571)272-1166. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9-5..

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